

VUS 15- CONTEMPORARY AMERICA

ALL ROADS LEAD HERE...



THE SUPREME COURT

DECISIONS AND IMPACT



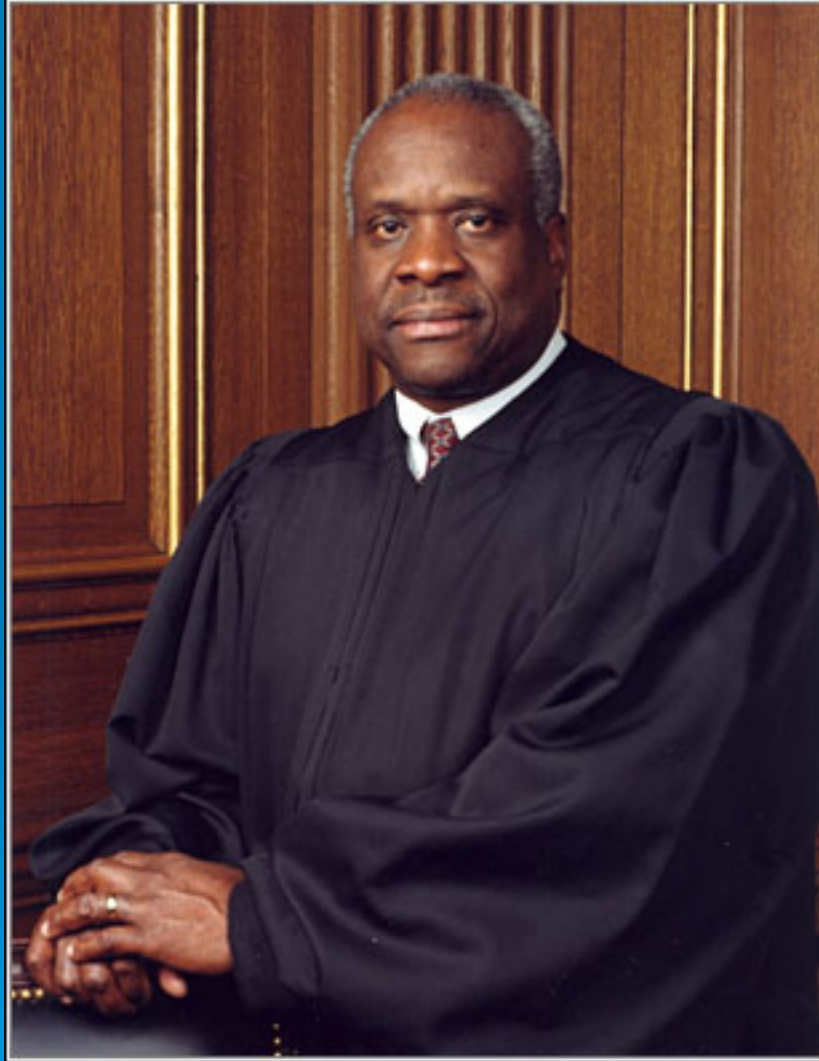
SUPREME COURT MEMBERSHIP

- NOW INCLUDES WOMEN-SANDRA
DAY O' CONNOR, RUTH BADER
GINSBURG, SONIA
SOTOMAYOR, ELENA KAGAN
- INCLUDES MINORITIES-CLARENCE
THOMAS

SANDRA DAY O' CONNOR-1981-2006
FIRST WOMAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE



CLARENCE THOMAS



RUTH BADER GINSBURG



SONIA SOTOMAYOR



SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

- THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS IN 40' s, 50' S AND 60' S-PROVIDED A MODEL THAT OTHER GROUPS HAVE USED TO EXTEND CIVIL RIGHTS AND PROMOTE EQUAL JUSTICE FOR EVERYONE
- THE SUPREME COURT HAS AIDED IN THIS

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS-3 Roles

- EXPANDED AND PROTECTED INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS ENUMERATED (LISTED) IN THE CONSTITUTION
- IDENTIFIES A CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS FOR A RIGHT TO PRIVACY THAT IS PROTECTED FROM GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE.
- INVALIDATES ACTS THAT EXCEED THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BY THE CONSTITUTION

IMMIGRATION

CONTRIBUTIONS AND ISSUES



IMMIGRATION

- IMMIGRATION HAS INCREASED FROM MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES- ESPECIALLY-ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES
- IMMIGRANTS STILL COME HERE FOR POLITICAL FREEDOM AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

ISSUES RELATED TO IMMIGRATION POLICY

- STRAIN ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES
- FILLING LOW PAYING JOBS
- BORDER ISSUES
- PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP
- BILINGUAL EDUCATION-ESL CLASSES
- INCREASING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

CONTRIBUTIONS OF IMMIGRANTS

- DIVERSITY IN MUSIC, VISUAL ARTS, AND LITERATURE
- ROLES IN THE LABOR FORCE
- ACHIEVEMENTS IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND OTHER FIELDS

SPACE PROGRAM



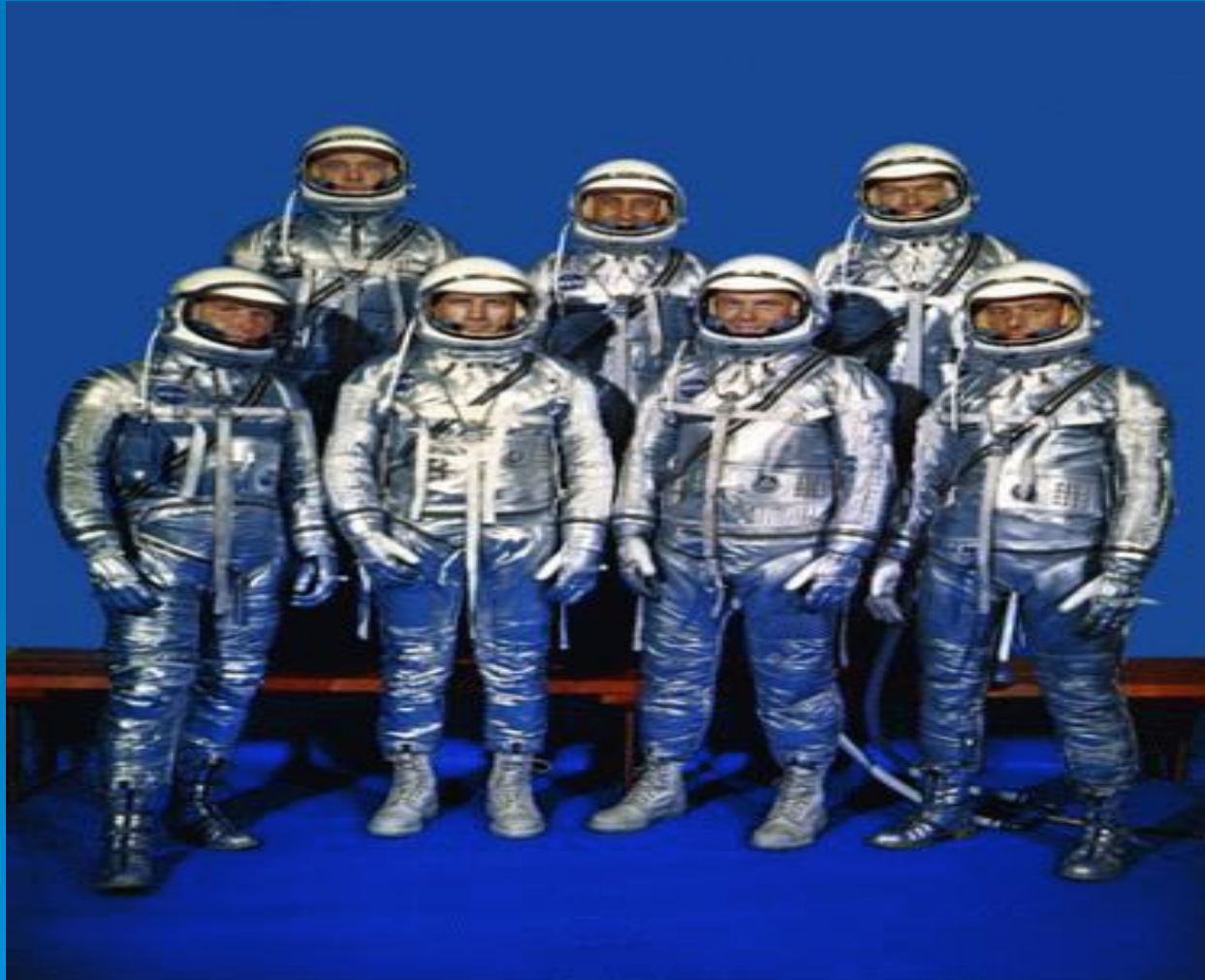
SPACE PROGRAM

- KENNEDY STARTED IT
- HAMPTON ROADS PLAYED A LARGE PART IN THIS PROGRAM
- 1ST MAN TO ORBIT EARTH-JOHN GLENN
- 1ST MAN TO WALK ON MOON-NEIL ARMSTRONG- “ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN-ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND”

JOHN GLENN-FIRST MAN TO ORBIT THE EARTH IN 1962



ORIGINAL MERCURY SEVEN



CREW OF APOLLO 11

Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin,
Michael Collins



“That’s one small step for
Man, one giant leap for
mankind” -Neil Armstrong-July
20.1969







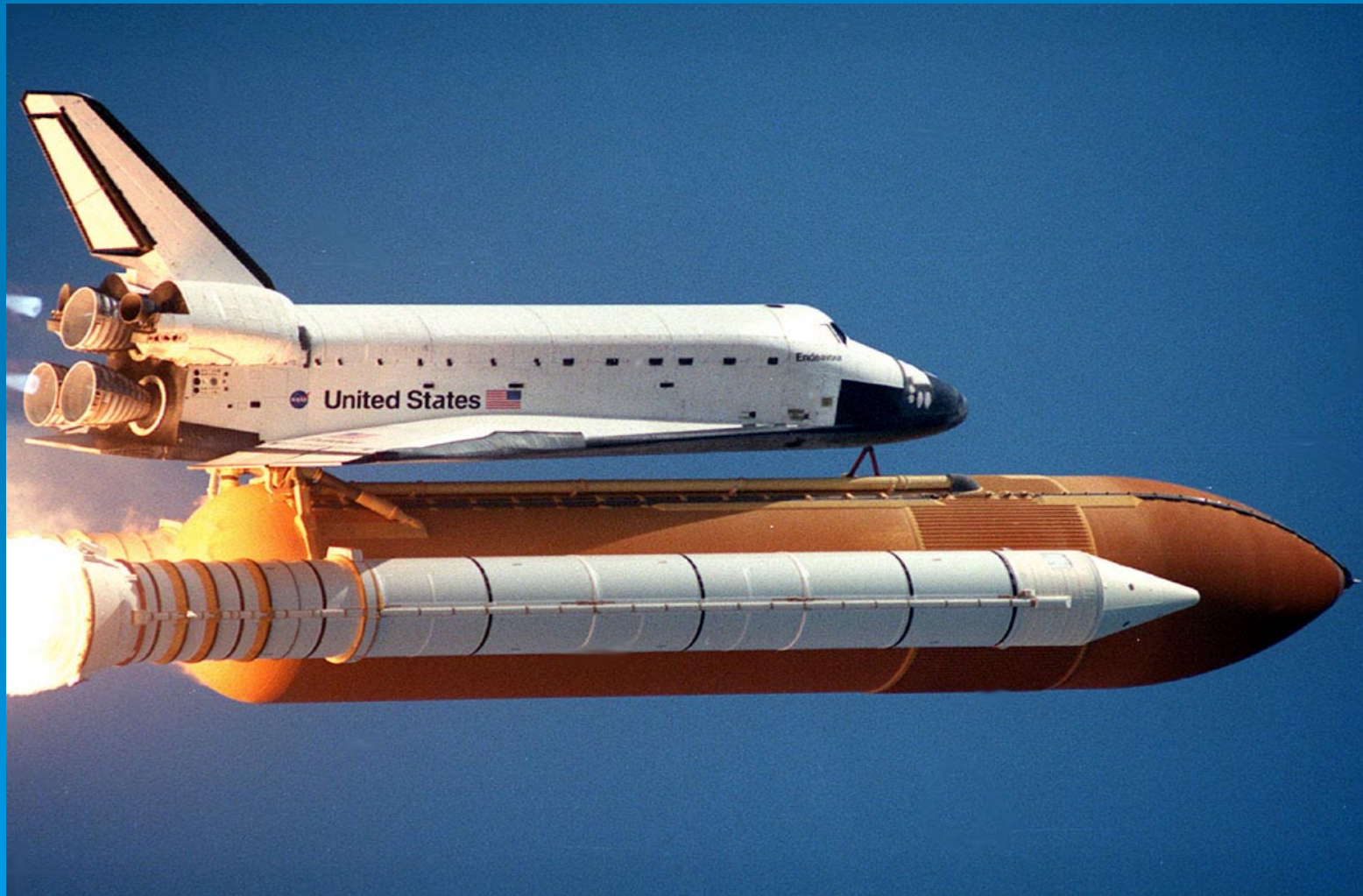
SALLY RIDE-FIRST WOMAN ASTRONAUT



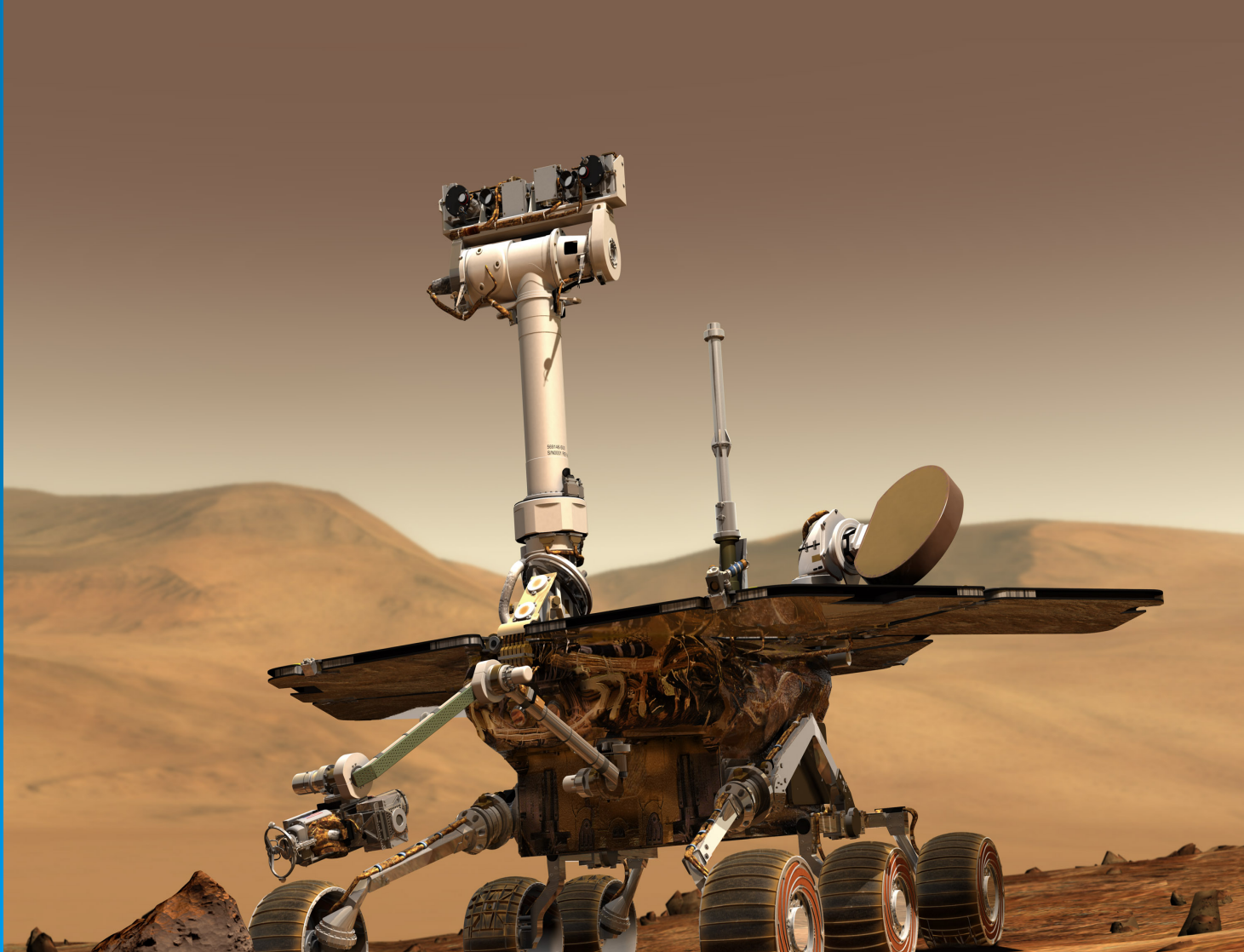
SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

- SPACE SHUTTLE-program is over
- MARS ROVER
- VOYAGER MISSIONS
- HUBBLE TELESCOPE
- ROBOTICS
- INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

SPACE SHUTTLE



MARS ROVER



HUBBLE TELESCOPE



VOYAGER MISSIONS



COMMUNICATIONS- TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

- SATELLITE
- GPS-GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEMS
- PERSONAL COMMUNICATION
DEVICES

TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES-"THE WORLD IS SHRINKING"

- CABLE TV
- 24 HOURS NEWS
- PC' S
- MACS
- INTERNET
- CELL PHONES
- BLACKBERRIES
- IPODS
- I ANYTHING

CHANGES IN WORK , SCHOOL, HEALTH CARE

- TELECOMMUTING
- ON-LINE COURSES
- GROWTH OF SERVICE INDUSTRIES
- MEDICAL RESEARCH-DIAGNOSTIC AND IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES-EX. DNA TESTING, MRI' S ETC. EX. JONAS SALK-POLIO VACCINE-1950' s
- OUTSOURCING AND OFF-SHORING

SALK-POLIO VACCINE



RUSTBELT-AREAS WHERE MANUFACTURING JOBS LEFT FIRST



COUNTERCULTURE

AGAINST THE NORM



COUNTER-CULTURE

- 1960' S-PEOPLE OPPOSED TO MATERIALISM AND MAINSTREAM CULTURE
- 1967-MANY MOVED TO SAN FRANCISCO, CA-HAIGHT ASBURY
- KNOWN AS HIPPIES
- COUNTER CULTURE INTEREST IN EASTERN RELIGIONS AND DRUG USE THREATENED THE AMERICAN DREAM –AGAINST THE NORM

HAIGHT-ASHBURY-SAN FRANCISCO HIPPIE MECCA IN THE 1960'S



BEATLES CONQUERING AMERICA



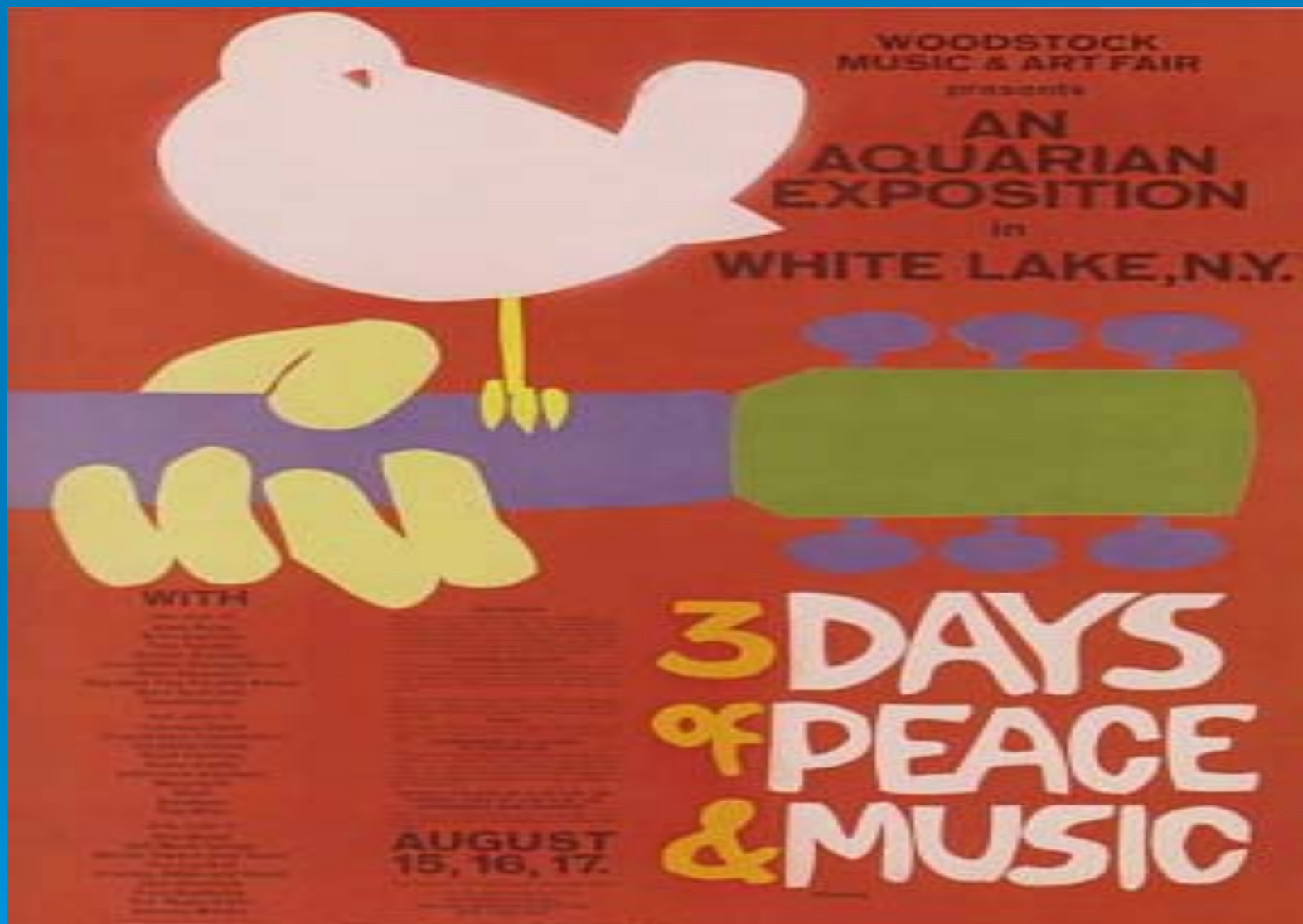
BEATLES-HIPPIE ERA



1969-WOODSTOCK, N.Y CONCERT-3 DAYS



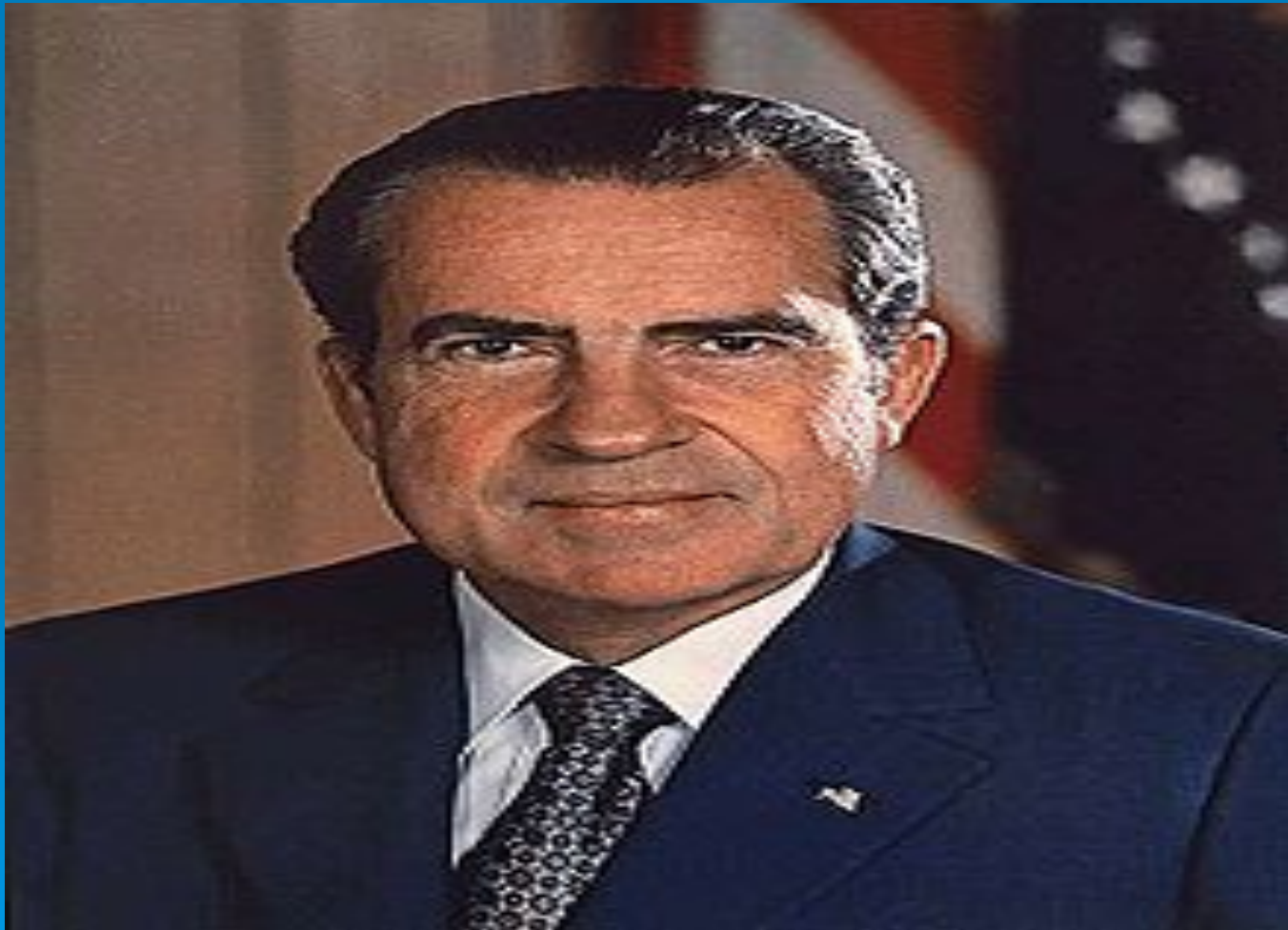
woodstock



PRESIDENTIAL CRISIS'



RICHARD NIXON



NIXON-WATERGATE

- NIXON(REPUBLICAN) AUTHORIZED THE BREAK IN OF THE DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS IN THE WATERGATE BUILDING BECAUSE HE WAS RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION.
- THE MEN WERE CAUGHT AND HE RESIGNED BUT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPEACHED.

CARTER



CARTER-IRAN HOSTAGE CRISIS

- LASTED FROM 1979-1981-444 DAYS
- US EMPLOYEES AT THE IRANIAN EMBASSY WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE BECAUSE A FANTATIC KHOMENI TOOK OVER THE COUNTRY
- CARTER COULD NOT GET THE HOSTAGES RELEASED UNTIL THE DAY REAGAN WAS INAUGURATED.

REAGAN REVOLUTION

REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



Ronald Reagan



REAGAN AND REPUBLICANS ADVOCATED FOR

- TAX CUTS
- TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO
STATE GOVERNMENTS
- JUDGES/JUSTICES WHO PRACTICED
“JUDICIAL RESTRAINT”
- REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF GOV’ T
PROGRAMS
- STRENGTHENING THE MILITARY

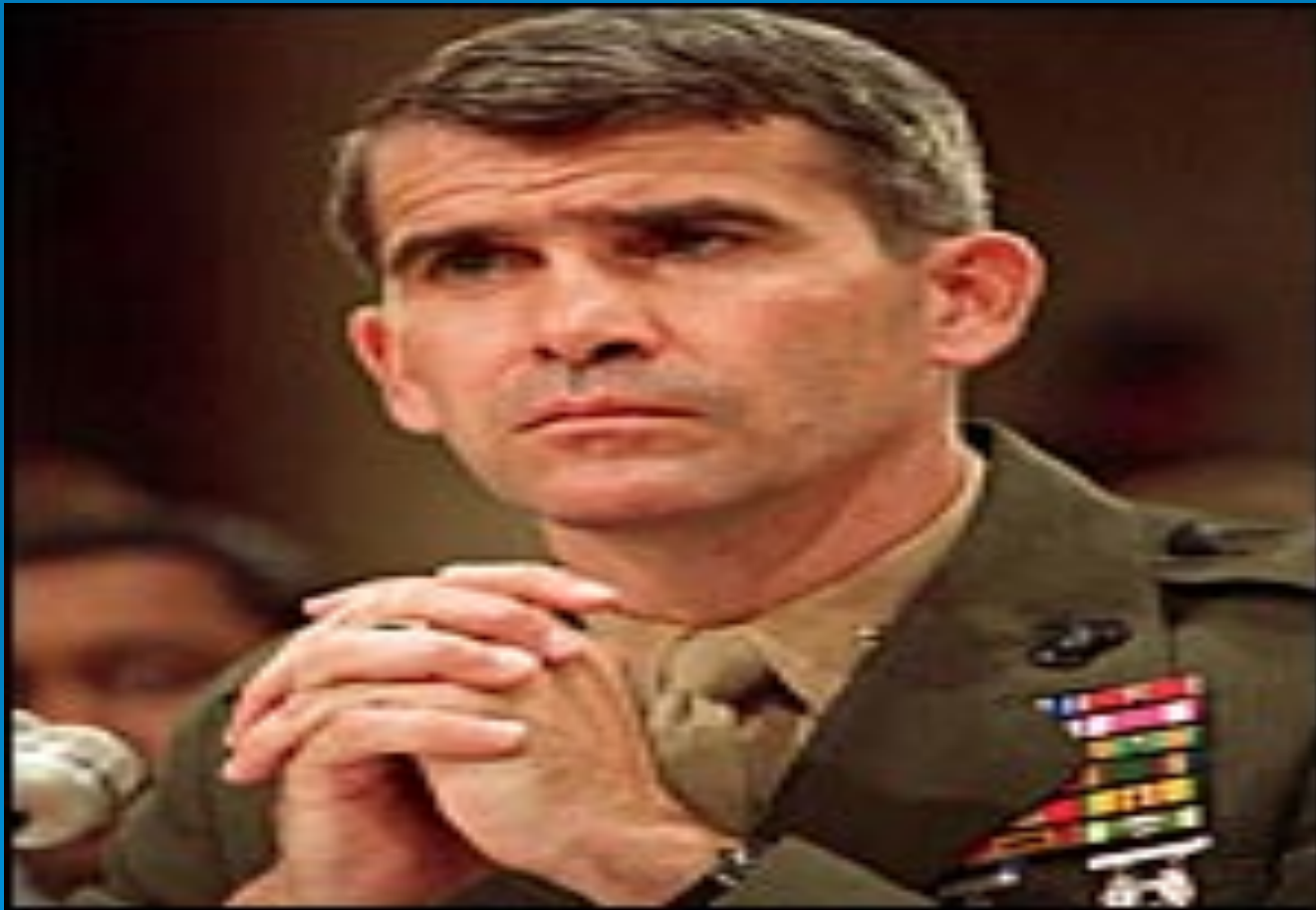
START-Reagan gave the Republicans a Head Start

- **S-STRENGTHENED MILITARY**
- **T-TAX CUTS**
- **A-APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES -
JUDICIAL RESTRAINT**
- **R-REDUCTION OF GOV' T PROGRAMS**
- **T-TRANSFER RESPONSIBILTIES TO
STATE GOV' T' S**

REAGAN REVOLUTION CONTINUES...

- ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W.BUSH AS PRESIDENT-1989
- **ELECTION OF CLINTON-
CONSERVATIVE(CENTRIST-MODERATE)
DEMOCRAT
- REPUBLICAN SWEEP OF CONGRESS IN THE
1990' S
- ELECTION OF GEORGE W. BUSH IN 2000

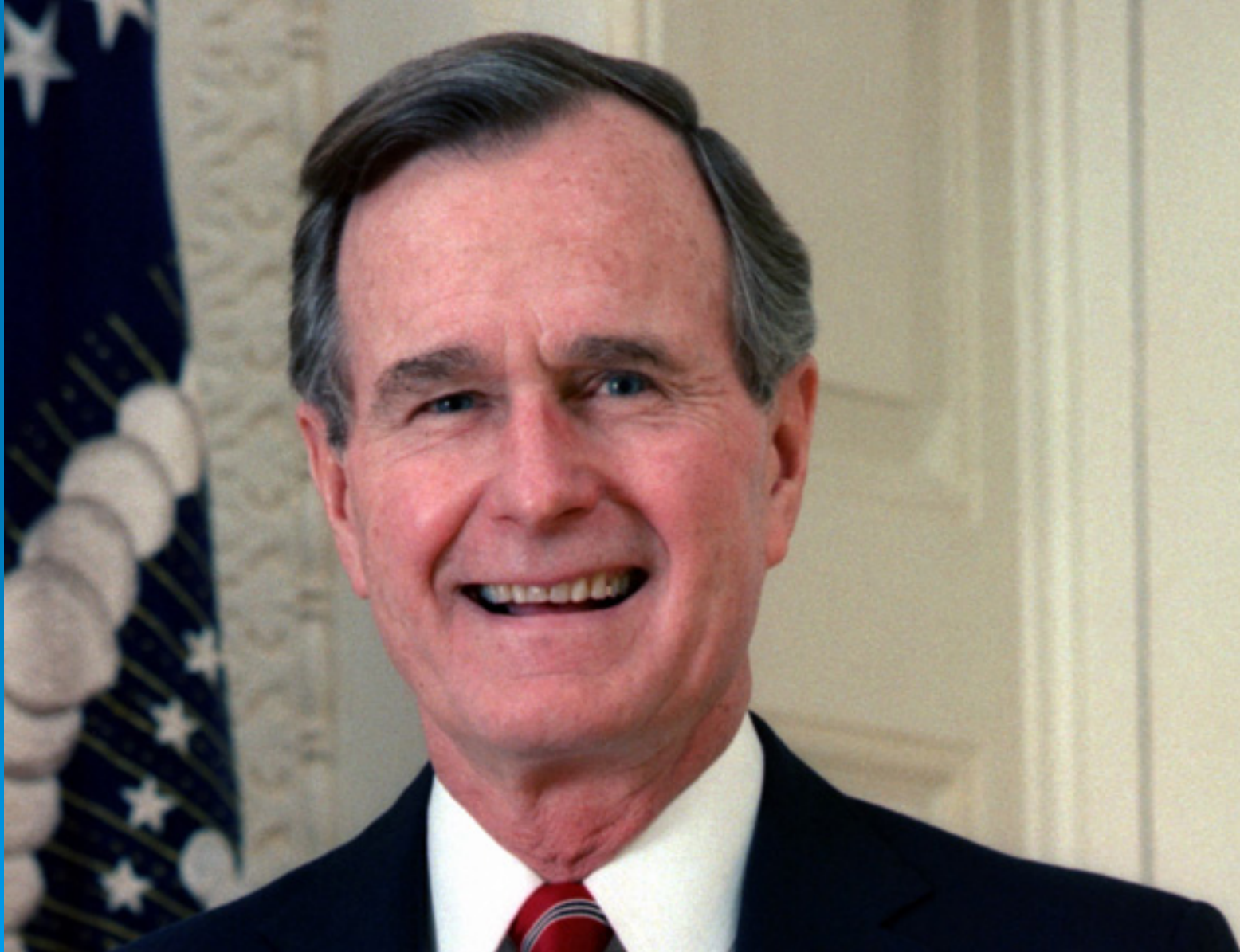
IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR/OLIVER NORTH



IRAN CONTRA AFFAIR

- **LT. COL. OLIVER NORTH** (MEMBER OF SECURITY COUNCIL) AUTHORIZED SALE OF ARMS TO IRAN TO FINANCE CONTRA (REVOLUTIONARIES) IN NICARAGUA.
- REAGAN WAS EMBARRASSED WHEN THIS WAS UNCOVERED.

GEORGE H.W. BUSH



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- **“IT’ S THE ECONOMY-STUPID”**
- **COSTS OF PERSIAN GULF WAR HURT THE U.S. ECONOMY**

WILLIAM “BILL” CLINTON



MONICA LEWINSKY-OOPS



CLINTON

**CLINTON WAS IMPEACHED (BUT NOT
REMOVED FROM OFFICE) BECAUSE HE
LIED UNDER OATH ABOUT HIS
RELATIONSHIP WITH AN INTERN-
MONICA LEWSINSKY**

GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

THE ECONOMY



GOVERNMENT PROMOTES A HEALTHY ECONOMY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING:

- FEDERAL RESERVE –CONTROLS MONEY SUPPLY AND CREDIT TO EXPAND OR CONTRACT ECONOMIC GROWTH
- PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS DETERMINE LEVELS OF TAXATION AND SPENDING

U.S. RESPONSES TO TERRORISM



BUSH AND OBAMA WARS AND TERRORISM



U.S. RESPONDS TO TERRORISM

- HEIGHTENED SECURITY AT HOME-
(PATRIOT ACT), THREAT LEVELS,
INCREASED SECURITY AT CERTAIN
CHECKPOINTS
- DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY
INITIATIVES-ALLIANCES AND 2 WARS